REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants, hereby elect Group II, namely claims 8-12, 39 and 40, for prosecution in the present application. Early and favorable action on the elected invention is awaited.

The opportunity has been taken to correct the items kindly noted by the Examiner under item 1 on page 2 of the official action. The corrections are believed to be self evident.

Early action is awaited.

In the event any fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC

Robert B. Murray

Registration No. 22,980

Atty. Docket No. P100564-08023 1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20036-5339

(202) 857-6000

RBM/cb

CIC# 290920

PECEIVED

MAY 04 2000

TECH CENTER TO JUL 2900